

States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters from September 15, 2015, through October 15, 2015.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and September 18. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only pay tribute to the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the numerous contributions they have made that have led to improvements within their communities, and in turn, a better America.

Our nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the many Hispanic leaders and members of our communities who have added to the prosperity of the United States in every facet of society including medicine, business, arts and entertainment, sports, education, politics, and the military.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout America's history, present, and future, the Hispanic community has played and continues to play a major role in enriching the quality of life and culture of our great nation, and for their outstanding contributions they are worthy of the highest praise.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Sequoia National Park, and the 75th anniversary of Kings Canyon National Park. Both of these parks are located in California's Fourth Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent.

Having been established in 1890, Sequoia National Park is the nation's second oldest national park. It was created through the advocacy of nearby San Joaquin Valley residents, who wished to protect the magnificent Giant Sequoias for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

In 1926, the park expanded to include Mount Whitney and the High Sierra backcountry. Today, it encompasses 39 Giant Sequoia groves, accounting for 40 percent of all native Sequoia groves in the world. In one of these groves, the Giant Forest, grows The General Sherman Tree. The General Sherman Tree is considered the largest living tree on earth and estimated to be approximately 2,000 years old.

Kings Canyon National Park was created in 1940 to include the glacially-formed Kings Canyon. It also serves to protect the head-

waters of the Kings River for public recreation and enjoyment. The park features over 60 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail, both of which pass through spectacular alpine scenery.

Together, the parks host over 1.5 million visitors annually, and contribute \$154 million to the local tourism economy. Visitors participate in a variety of outdoor recreation activities, including: hiking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, canoeing, and climbing.

Mr. Speaker, on this notable occasion, I rise to recognize the splendor of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which I hope will inspire all Americans to visit and recreate among its natural wonders.

HONORING SHERIFF BILL OLDHAM

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Sheriff Bill Oldham, on being selected as the 2015 Tennessee Sheriff's Association's "Sheriff of the Year." Sheriff Oldham received this prestigious award at the Tennessee Sheriff's Association conference in Sevierville on Friday, July 24, 2015. This award was much deserved and highlights Sheriff Oldham's lifelong dedication to the preservation of safety in the Shelby County community.

A native Memphian, Sheriff Oldham graduated from the Catholic High School for Boys and attended Memphis State University from 1967 to 1970. He advanced to the Memphis Police Academy, where, in 1972, he graduated as a member of the 33rd Session. Upon graduation, Sheriff Oldham began his career as a police officer.

Sheriff Oldham was elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police in 1993, Vice President in 1994, and President of the Association in 1995. He rose as a natural leader through the ranks of the Memphis Police Department, earning Officer of the Year twice, and retired in 2000 as a director. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief Deputy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and then was elected Sheriff of Shelby County in 2010. Sheriff Oldham has served the community on a national scale. In 1991, he was selected by the FBI as a member of the National Law Enforcement Budgeting Advisory Group, and in 1995 he graduated from the 21st Session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Sheriff Oldham worked tirelessly on many City, State, and National boards and commissions encompassing credit, education, and corrections. Sheriff Oldham received multiple appointments to correctional committees from Governor Bill Haslam. Sheriff Oldham is an active member of the MMACP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, the National Sheriff's Association, the Major County Sheriff's Association, and is a retired member of the Tennessee Chiefs of Police Association.

The Tennessee Sheriff's Association annually selects a "Sheriff of the Year" who has a dutiful career of dedication to law enforcement encompassed by commitment to public safety and selfless leadership.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Oldham on receiving the Tennessee Sheriff's Association's 2015 "Sheriff of the Year." I wish him the best of luck for all future endeavors.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor California State University, San Bernardino as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Established in 1965 as California State College at San Bernardino, the Inland Empire institution opened its doors to less than three hundred students. In 1984, it officially changed its name to California State University, San Bernardino.

From starting with nearly three hundred students in 1965, to educating and empowering more than 20,000 today, Cal State San Bernardino has become an integral part of the San Bernardino community. With bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in five colleges, it provides students from all walks of life with endless opportunities. Educating and training our students for our rapidly evolving world is critical for the Inland Empire today and tomorrow.

California State University, San Bernardino has been a powerful economic, social, and cultural force for decades. This can be seen through the thousands of graduates it sends into the workforce each year to the thousands of Inland Empire residents it employs. To date, the University has graduated more than 80,000 people since its establishment, enriching our community and culture with innovative and creative minds that will continue to make the Inland Empire a better place to live and raise a family for generations to come.

As we celebrate its 50th anniversary, we commend and thank the faculty, staff and students of California State University, San Bernardino of the past five decades for their contributions to our community.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: HONORING HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to observe National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and in doing so I wish to recognize Hyundai Hope on Wheels, a leading contributor to pediatric cancer research and the fight to permanently end childhood cancer.

Hope on Wheels has one wish—and it is one that I share as both a father and a grandfather: to help kids fight and beat cancer so that each and every child can live a long, healthy, and joyous life.

Each year, approximately 15,780 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer.

Even with all of the advances in modern medicine, cancer is still the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. It does not discriminate among its victims; any child can become afflicted no matter how young or how small. It affects children from each gender and all nationalities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. In most tragic fact, a child is diagnosed with cancer every 36 minutes. No one and no family is immune from this devastating disease. But there is hope.

Blessedly, modern medical research and treatments have greatly improved the survival rate for children with cancer. As of 2010, there were approximately 380,000 childhood cancer survivors living across our country. This dramatic improvement is a result of an increased quality of care, early detection, and advances in innovative research—along with a growing wellspring of financial support beneath it all.

Hyundai Hope on Wheels is leading the way with its commitment to cancer research. In its 17th year of battling childhood cancer, Hope on Wheels will award \$10.5 million in research grants to hospitals across the United States during this September, National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Hope on Wheels has been investing in pediatric cancer research since 1998, and this month they will surpass \$100 million in lifetime funding to this critical cause.

I express my most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to everyone at Hyundai who has made this wonderful investment in our children a powerful reality.

This year, one of Hyundai Hope on Wheels' grants will be awarded to Pennsylvania's own Dr. James Anthony Graves at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, where he is researching neuroblastoma, the most common extracranial pediatric tumor. This award and others will allow doctors like Dr. Graves to continue to work on life-saving cancer therapies and new treatments for children in Pennsylvania and across our country.

Mr. Speaker, for working to improve the survival rate of our nation's children tragically diagnosed with cancer, I ask that my colleagues join with me today in recognizing the heroic work of Hyundai Hope on Wheels. Committed to winning the fight against pediatric cancer, this extraordinary organization is providing generations of American children with the hope of a healthy future.

COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year's NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor individuals or organizations throughout the community that have displayed exemplary leadership in the areas of community leadership, economic development, education, environmental stewardship, and public safety. This year's honorees include Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, Starke County Initiative

for Lifelong Learning, Porter County Career and Technical Center, and the Tri-Town Safety Village. For their extraordinary contributions to their communities and throughout the region, the honorees will be recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson was honored with the Community Leadership Award for her strong leadership skills, creativity, and dedication to improving and strengthening the City of Gary. On December 31, 2011, she became the first woman to lead Gary and the first African-American female mayor in the state of Indiana. Mayor Freeman-Wilson's passion for her home, the City of Gary, is unwavering. She is dedicated and continues to take on the city's challenges with integrity and enthusiasm. Mayor Freeman-Wilson has been a true community leader and asset to the people of Gary, as well as Northwest Indiana and beyond. She is worthy of this prestigious honor.

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership (NIRP) is the recipient of the Economic Development Award. The organization was formed in 2006 with the goal of helping to establish and develop a worldwide competitive economy in Northeast Indiana. The organization is a proven success and is one of the top performing regional economic development organizations in the nation. The NIRP is a truly inventive organization and is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

Starke County Initiative for Lifelong Learning (SCILL) was honored with the Education Award. Created in 1996, the organization provides educational opportunities for industrial employees and continues to invest its efforts in developing a well-trained workforce within the regional community. For its exceptional dedication to empowering individuals through education and developing a strong workforce to promote economic growth within the community, SCILL is truly inspiring.

The Porter County Career and Technical Center (PCCTC) is the recipient of the Environmental Stewardship Award. The program started in 1971 and was formed with the purpose of providing a wide range of vocational and technical education programs to high school students. Throughout the years, the PCCTC has provided young people with the tools they need to succeed in their future endeavors. In addition, the organization has been a leader in the expansion of environmental education opportunities in the region and continues to develop the students' knowledge of environmentally sustainable energy sources. For educating our youth on the latest environmental challenges, innovations, and developments, the PCCTC is worthy of this special honor.

The Public Safety Award recipient is the Tri-Town Safety Village. This not-for-profit organization is directed by an eighteen member advisory board with representatives from the towns of Dyer, Schererville, and Saint John. The "Safety Village and Alive House" hands-on display teaches children about safety in and around their communities. For their dedication to providing and preparing our youth with safety education, they are to be highly commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding leaders and organizations. Their contributions to their communities,

Northwest Indiana, and worldwide are immeasurable, and the honorees are worthy of the highest praise.

KELLEY TRUCKING INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the employees of Kelley Trucking Inc. in Golden, Colorado for their heroic acts on June 3, 2015.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015 while at his Kelley Trucking Inc. Offices, John Kelley went into complete cardiac arrest. The heroic acts of the other six employees that were with John not only brought quick aid to the scene, they ultimately saved John's life. In the following moments Mike Easley, David Seehafer, Luke Kelley, Cal Kelley, John's wife Kelly Dorothy Kelley (Dottie) and Con Cockrum each provided the help John needed to receive urgent medical care as well as providing life-saving assistance that astounded John's family, medical staff, and myself.

When John went into complete cardiac arrest, David retrieved the onsite Automated External Defibrillator (AED) within 30 seconds. During this time Mr. Easley and John's son Luke got John into the rescue position while Con called 911. Dottie attached the pads of the AED and upon analyzing his heart they found it was completely stopped and would need a defibrillator shock. Cal Kelley administered the shock, while Luke began CPR compression and Dottie administered mouth to mouth. Mike and Cal were able to keep clear heads as they focused on leading the compressions. After the first set of CPR another shock was administered, and with the second shock John's heart was miraculously restarted. By this time Nick and David had brought the ambulance and Fire Department to the correct location. It is fortunate that the people surrounding John that day not only knew what to do but were able to execute the steps quickly and correctly. This shows the importance of providing adequate CPR trainings and having an AED onsite.

While everything happened so fast that day, the care and speed in which the people surrounding John dealt with the situation is what made all the difference. I am inspired by the care that these coworkers have had for each other and by their actions that can be described as nothing less than heroic.

I extend my deepest thanks to the employees of Kelley Trucking Inc. for their actions that day and their service to John Kelley and his family. These employees' courageous acts show how dedication to service and quick thinking can save lives.

HONORING THE VETERANS WALL OF FREEDOM

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Veterans Wall of Freedom,